CLAIMS

Claims 1-64 (Canceled).

65. (Previously Presented) A composition having the general formula X-L-S wherein: the S moiety is a pyranose;

the X moiety is an aryl, C_1 - C_8 alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkenyl, alkylaryl, alkylamino, alkylamido, amido, or arylamido, in which at least one atom is substituted by a radio-opacifying atom of an element with an atomic number of approximately Z = 35 to approximately Z = 74, and which may be further substituted; and the L moiety is unsubstituted or substituted, and is a C_1 - C_8 alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkenyl, alkylaryl, alkylamino, alkylamido, amido, or arylamido, and is bonded to the S moiety and to the X moiety.

- 66. (Original) The composition of claim 65 wherein the S moiety is hydroxy-substituted.
- 67. (Original) The composition of claim 65 wherein the S moiety is 2-hydroxy-substituted.
- the S moiety is a substituted pyranose of the formula $C_6H_{11}O_5$, the X moiety is a substituted aryl of the formula $C_6H_2I_3$, and

the L moiety is a substituted amidoaryl of the formula C₆H₃NH₂NHCO.

68. (Original) The composition of claim 65 wherein:

69. (Original) The composition of claim 65 wherein:

the S moiety is a substituted pyranose of the formula $C_6H_{11}O_5$, the X moiety is a substituted aryl of the formula $C_6H_3CH_2CH_3$, and the L moiety is a substituted amidoaryl of the formula $C_6H_3NH_2NHCO$.

70. (Original) The composition of claim 65 wherein:

the S moiety is a substituted pyranose of the formula $C_6H_{11}O_5$, the X moiety is a substituted aryl of the formula $C_6I_3(CONHCH_3)_2$, and the L moiety is a substituted amidoaryl of the formula $C_6H_3NH_2NHCO$.

Claims 71-75 (Canceled).

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- 76. (Currently Amended) A method of imaging tissue comprising:
 - a) administering a composition according to the formula of claim 65[, wherein said composition is cell membrane-permeable and wherein:

S is a binding moiety which selectively binds to a cellular molecule in said tissue;

X is a radio-opaque moiety; and

L is a linking moiety which links the S moiety to the X moiety];

- b) irradiating said tissue with a radiation source which is [capable of being] attenuated by the X moiety; and
- c) acquiring an image of said tissue.
- 77. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 76 wherein said acquiring occurs during said irradiating and wherein said tissue is live during said administering.

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- 78. (Original) The method of claim 76 further comprising determining whether said tissue comprises malignant tissue using said image.
- 79. (Original) The method of claim 76 further comprising determining whether said tissue comprises abnormal myocardial tissue using said image.

Claims 80-86 (Canceled).